

ARRIVAL OF THE ASIA

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE
THE NEWS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR
Naval Engagements and Operations in
the Black Sea.
The Alliance Between England and

France.
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ATTEMPTS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS.  
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THE TURKISH SUCCESSES IN ASIA
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arrangements for the Spring Campaign

on the Danube.

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IMPORTANT FROM SWEDEN.

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STATE OF THE MARKETS,

&c., &c., &c.

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The Cunard mail steamship Asia, Capt. Harrison, arrived at 10.30 on Monday.

The news is important. It indicates the determination of Russia and Turkey to prosecute the war with vigor. The war will open with immense armies in the field; there is every prospect of a general European war.

44. Divisions of the English and French fleets have entered the Black Sea. Turkey has a large squadron there and operations on the water, as well as on land, promise to be on the most extensive scale. Meanwhile, we are to watch the fleet's movements between England and Russia.

The 18th ent, will accomplish.

Along the Danube, military operations on an extensive scale were prevented by unfavorable weather; but some small skirmishes were going on between the outposts of the two armies. In Asia the success of the Turks was interrupted. They had captured some important fortresses. At sea hostilities have commenced, and the interests of both nations have changed hands on the Tigris.

The Liverpool cotton market continued unchanged.

Money was in increased demand. Console closed at two
on the 21 instant at 34½ a 95.
The Golden Age is expected to be ready for sea to-day
to-morrow (3d or 4th December).
Cholera has appeared in the city of Cork. Dublin is, a
t, free from the disease.
After January 1, 1854 all payments for custom duties
the Austrian territory, must be made in coin, or
paper at the current rate of exchange on Vienna, or Austria.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Our London Despatch.

AUTHENTIC AND IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE—
ULTIMATUM OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE, ETC.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 2, 1885.

The last attempt of Austria to effect a reconciliation between Russia and Turkey has failed. On the 24th Nov.

the Council of Ministers of the Sultan unanimously rejected the new note prepared by England and France, which was concocted at Vienna. Austria's neutralism and her position induces her to renew her endeavors to procure peace, so as to prevent a European war, from which she would be sure to suffer. A Congress is now spoken of, in which all the Powers, including Turkey and Russia, are to be represented. If we cast an eye, however, from the Turkish bureaus of diplomacy to the battle field of some of the glories of the Danube—if we examine for a moment the shores of the Danube—if we examine for

...ment the excited feelings of an outraged people
...ed with a first success and moreover instant to the
...rice of the people in the streets of Constantinople, the
...spect of a solution of the war by a European
...gress becomes thin as a veil of mist. It is true that
...ring to a cessation of hostilities on a large scale—a
...sequence of the rains and the state of the marshes
...ounds on either side, but more especially on the Walla
...ian or left side of the Danube—the moment may be re
...dian as favorable for negotiation. It is, however, ac

loyed by both belligerent Powers in making every preparation for attack and defence for the first opportunity. The Sultan has publicly announced his intention to proceed to the seat of war in the spring—reinforcements are swarming to the camp, and a host of armaments is assembling.

I have just been informed that England and France have sent a joint ultimatum to Russia, stating that if not accomplished by the 1st of July, the combined fleets will commence operations in the Black Sea. We have received very authentic information from the

I have at this moment letters on my table from
 en on the spot whose statements cannot be questioned.
 First, then, the withdrawal of the Turks to Schmalia,
 crossed, is not true. From strategical reasons the Turks
 crossed at Olteneitz; but they are very strongly as-
 sessed at Kalesat—24,000 strong. Kalesat is just at
 end of Widia—a strong fortress, the key to Little
 Malachia. Ismail Paşa commands there. His com-
 and of 1,200 horse is advanced a league beyond
 the high road to Kriakow. The Russian General

The high road to Kiziljawa, the Russian settlement, is posted with his division on the road between Kiziljawa and Kafesat, so that a battle of outpost positions may take place at any moment, weather permitting. Skirmishes do take place daily all along the line from Wladikavkaz to Ibrovlow. The Turks have also possession of many of the islands in the Danube. They have three strong batteries on the island opposite the mouth of the river, and at Orghisch, near Oltenitz. They have another battery close to the Danube near Rutschuk; one of the guns of this battery was seen firing at night fully across the river.

There is no great cannon, and some balls into the town and the town of Giurgiuva. It is said that Prince Gortcheff took a son at the battle of Oltenita. All the hoochiks in Poland have been ordered to march. Prince Gortcheff will take the command-in-chief of the Russian army in the spring. These regiments will be replaced by others from the North. The Russians are very unpopular at Bucharest and throughout the Danubian principalities. Gortcheff has issued orders to stop any Russian speaking ill of the Russian army of occupation.

...the ladies having ventured to censure the sons of the
...oops at a ball, the gallant Prince hinted that some
...dies of very high rank had been knouted in Poland
...insulting offense, and recommended them to be quiet
...against their will he is incorporating the whole of the Warsaw
...Polish militia, by detachments, into the Russian army
...and compels them thus to fight against their lawful
...sovereign.

An addition to the existing complications has arisen
...servia. A glance at the map will show you that Servia

Russia. It is placed between Bosnia and Bulgaria. The Sultan has called upon Prince Alexander of Serbia to give up the neutral position he has hitherto maintained, and to declare himself for one party or the other. Russia's agents are at work in Serbia. The Prince refused to declare himself, and, moreover, declined permission for a Turkish body of troops to pass through his territory. The Turkish Governor of Belgrade, Ismet Pasha, ordered the Serbian government to notify the Russian

...to withdraw from the city, or the alternative of abolishing the Russian flag shot down and their town bombarded. The Russian consul at first stoutly refused to go, but was finally induced to haul down his flag, and pointed it beyond the range of the guns of the fortress. But Pacha was not satisfied with this; he intimated that, as the Russian consul was tampering with the Servian government, if he did not leave the Servian territory by the 18th November he should regard Serbia as a hostile territory, and commence hostilities. The

ult was that on the day mentioned the Russian General
entered peeped up [his traps and crossed to the Au
portress of Semlin, only separated from Belgrade by
Danube, where he can have the satisfaction of looking
his friend Iszet through a telescope. The Ru
war is, they say, furious at this treatment of his repre
sentatives.

Notwithstanding the refusal of the Serbian governm
to allow Turkish troops to pass through the Serbian